

## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT  
PETITION TO AMEND  
THE ENERGY COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE  
HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT (97-AFC-1C)**

High Desert Power Project, LLC (project owner) filed a petition dated August 30, 2006, with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify conditions of certification AQ-16, AQ-17, AQ-20 b. & c., and AQ-30, and eliminate condition AQ-17 of the Energy Commission Decision for the project.

The 830 megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on May 3, 2000, and began commercial operation on April 22, 2003. The facility is located in the City of Victorville, San Bernardino County.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The modifications proposed in the petition are as follows:

1. Modify condition AQ-16 to change the interval for source testing from annually to at least once every 5 years for all pollutants except volatile organic compounds (VOC), which would be tested at least every 3 years. The requirement to source test for particulates (PM10) and opacity, would be eliminated.
2. Eliminate condition AQ-17, which requires that compliance with limits for VOC emissions be demonstrated using source test and continuous emissions monitoring system data. The project owner proposes that VOC be calculated using the heat rate X VOC emissions factors for each mode of operation that were determined using the initial compliance tests.
3. Modify condition AQ-20 b. and c. to eliminate reporting the number of startups, the beginning and end date, and the time of each startup and shutdown period, since there are no startup and shutdown limits required by the Energy Commission or the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District.
4. Modify condition AQ-30 to clarify that the emission limits specified in the condition relate to specific equipment rather than to the power block.

**ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, and public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and if the project, as changed, will remain in compliance with

applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the next several weeks. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/highdesert/compliance/index.html>. The staff analysis (when published), and the Energy Commission Order (if approved), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition, staff's analysis, and/or the Energy Commission Order if the changes are approved, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Steve Munro, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-3936, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail to: [smunro@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:smunro@energy.state.ca.us) within 14 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact Margret J. Kim, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at [pao@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pao@energy.state.ca.us). If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

Date: September 26, 2006

  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE HIGH DESERT POWER PROJECT TO MODIFY AND ELIMINATE CERTAIN AIR QUALITY CONDITIONS RELATING TO SOURCE TESTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:**

- PETITION TO AMEND
- STAFF ANALYSIS
- ENERGY COMMISSION ORDER

**PROJECT:** High Desert Power Project

**DOCKET NO:** 97-AFC-1C

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